

# STEP Experience: Internship

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## What did you learn?

The days in NYC are one of the most important days in my whole life. As an accounting major, I have never done an internship so professionally before, and I finished my first accounting internship there. I learned some hard skills like making and improving different reports, reconciling cash, translating currency, etc. I also learn some soft skills like joining the meeting, chatting with colleagues, expressing your opinions, talking on the phone in a business way, etc. I am extremely grateful to my superior and my colleagues.

## Experience Description

This past summer I joined the Fisher Summer Global Internship Program, and I did an internship with Trickle Up, a nonprofit international development organization based in Manhattan, New York. My internship was in the accounting department, and I spent 8 weeks working with the professional accountants in the company. My responsibility is to assist the Trickle Up financial team in improving its global accounting processes and procedures, look for cost efficiencies and improvements by improving the reports that are produced, and help develop procedures, test them, and develop and test program and grant reporting.

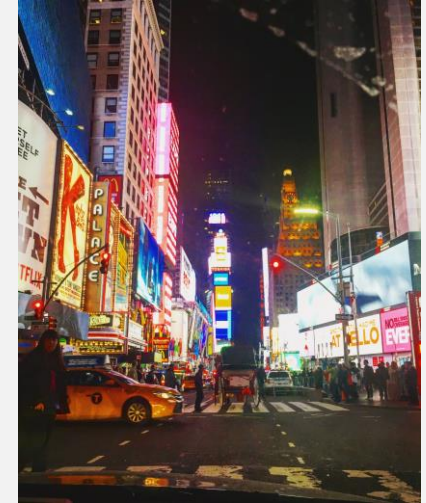
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## Sharper Goals

This experience had an impact on my academic goals because it allowed me to see what I am studying in practice instead of just in theory. It also will help me achieve some of my life goals because I will be able to leverage this internship to help me land future internships and jobs. For personal goals, I love NYC and I hope one day I can work or live there.



## Favorite part of your experience

I enjoy the life in NYC a lot. Every weekend I went out to visit different sites, tried different food, met different people. I went to One World Trade Center, Statue of Liberty, Long Island, Empire State Building, etc. My favorite thing about NYC is its diversity. When you walk down the streets in NYC, you can see all kinds of people with different colors and dress up. When I call an Uber, the driver may come from any part of the world. Also, my superior is from Estonia in Europe as well, so you can learn from a different culture or from different people, and you can share your own culture as well.

